

St John's

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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Welcome to St John's!

If you are new here, we would love to get to know you; please join us for refreshments, complete a welcome card and/or introduce yourself to a member of the Staff or Welcome team.

Sunday 10 December

Advent 2

All Age Carols, 10.30am

Including Youth Orchestra & Children's choir

Matthew 1:18-25

Jesus, God with us

Dick Farr

Evening Communion, 6pm

Ephesians 2:1-10

Grace Alone

Giles Walter

Next Sunday, 17 December

Advent 3

Morning Church

John 1:19-34

'A voice in the wilderness'

Trevor Clarkson

Carols by Candlelight, 6pm

John 3:13-21

Giles Walter

Wednesdays 'all together'

Church Prayer meetings next term

3 January, 7 February and 7 March

8-9.30pm

SMALL GROUPS AT ST JOHN'S

meet on various days and times:

Home groups - tgclarkson@iee.org

Women's Bible studies - carrie.sandom@stjohnstw.org

Men United - dmdryer@btinternet.com

Bereans (18-30s) - adam.curtis@stjohnstw.org

Youth - jono.chalklin@stjohnstw.org

KNOWING JESUS BETTER | MAKING JESUS BETTER KNOWN

Weekly at St John's

In addition to the monthly prayer meeting and Central focus meeting, **small groups** take place at various times during the week (both daytime and evenings) either in the church centre or in homes.

More details are available from the Church Centre Reception, by email or from the church website

Monday

Mummy & Me (mums & 0-4s)

10-11.30am in Grosvenor; register in advance please

Staff team

11am prayer & planning

Monday Fellowship

2.30-3.45pm in Grosvenor

Tuesday

Women's Bible study

1.45-3pm in Amherst

Rock Solid year 9 Bible study

6-7pm in the Church Centre

Global Café

8-10pm in the Atrium

Wednesday

Women's Bible studies

9.45-11am in the Church Centre - with crèche

Bereans Bible studies

7.30-9.30pm in the Church Centre, fortnightly

Thursday

Women's Bible study

10.30am-12noon in Amherst

Buttercup (bumps & babies)

2.30-3.45pm in Amherst; register in advance please

Uniform groups in the Church Centre

Friday

Engage Fridays

6.30pm in the Church Centre

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Saturday

Awake prayer group 8.30-9am

Daddy & Me (dads & 0-4s)

9-10.45am in Grosvenor - MONTHLY

Sunday

Morning Church at 10.30am, including ...

Baby & Mini Ark (crèche & preschool)

Ark (school years R-6)

Rock Solid (school years 7-9)

Evening Church at 6.00pm

- followed by Engage (school years 10-13)

CHRISTMAS AT ST JOHN'S

'Joy to the World'

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Monday 11 December

ENGAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday 15 December

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday 17 December, 6pm

Contact Craig - music@stjw.org.uk for more info about the orchestra & choir

ROCK SOLID CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday 22 December

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sun 24 December

Morning Church, 10.30am no children's groups

Children's Carols, 2.30pm & 4pm

Midnight Carols, 11.15pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Mon 25 December

Prayer book Communion, 8am

All Age Church, 10.30am

ARK ALTOGETHER

Sundays 17 & 31 December

Thank you to several people who've offered to help with Ark Altogether during morning church - we could still use a few more, so if you're able to help, please contact Ann - ann.keenan@stjohnstw.org

CHRISTMAS BOOKSTALL

All books are discounted ... a great opportunity to buy some Christmas gifts that point to the real message of Christmas - come and browse!

For further information about the Sunday preaching programme, staff team and ministry leaders, pick up a term card from the Church Centre Reception. And for more information about Street Pastors, Debt Counselling and other inter-church activities, see notice board by the Church Centre Reception



YOUTH ORCHESTRA & CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Carols - Christmas Eve (Sunday), 2.30pm & 4pm

Rehearsals Sat 23 Dec, 10am-12noon and Christmas Eve, 1.30pm

Speak with Craig if interested in joining in with any of the above

Looking ahead ...

LEADERS' DAY: Saturday 13 January

with guest speaker Angus MacLeay from St Nick's Sevenoaks.

NEW CONGREGATION: Sunday 21 January, 4-5pm

for those interested in being part of the new initiative in Rusthall.

LIFE AND ALL THAT JAZZ - Saturday 3 February

with guest speaker Glen Scrivener.

WOMEN'S WEEKEND AWAY - Fri 16 - Sun 18 March

at the Oasts - more details to follow.

BIBLE BY THE BEACH, Eastbourne - Fri 4-Mon 7 May

'Faithful in a changing world' - flyers are available from Reception.

SUMMER 2018: ONE EPIC HOLIDAY - ONE EPIC GOD

Ventures are holidays for 11-18s, packed full of fun and enjoying the opportunity to explore who Jesus is. Bookings open 2 January - book quickly to avoid disappointment - speak to Jono for more info:

Woolhampton 2 (11-14 yrs) - 5-12th August

Sparkford 2 (14-18 yrs) 5-13th August

CHURCH WEEKEND AT HOME: Fri 28-Sun 30 September

with guest speaker Glen Scrivener.

Food larder - please bring larder contributions on the first Sunday of every month - baskets available in the Atrium on 7 January and 4 February *Donations of tea, coffee, pasta sauces, tinned tuna and soup, baked beans, cereal, biscuits, tinned fruit, all within six months of 'sell by' date, gratefully received.*

Car Parking - if you use the church car park and leave your car keys with the attendants, you agree that your car may be moved by the attendants and that this will be done at your risk and not at the risk of the attendants or the church.



SERMON NOTES